



Mark Shiell - Artistic Director and Principal Conductor

# SHOSTAKOVICH 13 BABI YAR

Announcement - Keep the Date  
75th Anniversary Commemorative Concert  
Sunday 17th September 2017 2.00pm  
Arts Centre Melbourne, Hamer Hall

Babi Yar Commemoration Ceremony  
Shostakovich Symphony No. 13 *Babi Yar*  
Adrian Tamburini - bass-baritone  
Elena Kats-Chernin Flute Concerto  
Sally Walker - flute

Tickets on sale 18 November 2016  
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During World War II, over 110,000 people were murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators at Babi Yar, near Kiev. The worst of these massacres in which the Nazis killed 33,771 Jews occurred 75 years ago, on 29th and 30th September 1941.

In 1961, Yevgeny Yevtushenko wrote his famous poem, *Babi Yar*, to expose these massacres and to protest the then Soviet Government's refusal to build a memorial. The following year, Dmitri Shostakovich composed his Symphony No.13, *Babi Yar*, setting this poem to music. As Wikipedia records, "... Shostakovich and Yevtushenko transform the mass murder by Nazis of Jews at Babi Yar, near Kiev, into a denunciation of anti-Semitism in all its forms."

### The Concert

Marking the end of the 75th Jewish year since the Babi Yar massacres, Zelman Symphony conducted by Mark Shiell will present this Babi Yar commemorative concert with bass-baritone soloist Adrian Tamburini, Guest Concertmaster Wilma Smith, Chorusmaster Nicholas Cowall, and some 300 performers on stage. The symphony will be preceded by a commemoration ceremony and a reading of the *Babi Yar* poem.

The first half of the concert will feature a delightful flute concerto by legendary Australian composer Elena Kats-Chernin, which draws on her childhood memories of Soviet Russia. It will be played by leading Australian flautist Sally Walker for whom it was composed in 2015.

### Become Involved

If you are interested in singing in the 200-voice male chorus or playing in the orchestra, please apply to Zelman Symphony by 30th November at [www.zelmansymphony.org.au/Info/BabiYar](http://www.zelmansymphony.org.au/Info/BabiYar)

### About Zelman Symphony

Zelman Symphony is one of Melbourne's most innovative community orchestras. It celebrated its 80th Anniversary in 2013 playing Mahler's iconic 8th Symphony with 580 people on stage in the Melbourne Town Hall to standing ovations from packed audiences. More information about the orchestra is at [www.zelmansymphony.org.au](http://www.zelmansymphony.org.au).

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